



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Howard N. Cannon et al.)
Application No. 60/258,177)
Filed: December 22, 2000)
For: OPERATOR INTERFACE SYSTEM)
Attorney Docket No. 00-351)
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Peoria, Illinois 61629-6490

November 20, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING DATE

(A conversion under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c)(3) was improperly recorded as a New Application
Claiming Benefit of the Provisional Application)

Sir:

In response to the Filing Receipt dated November 8, 2001, please provide a
filing receipt for the above identified application having, corrections as follows:

1. The original filing date (December 22, 2000) of the Provisional Application
No. 60/258,177 should be maintained for this file. (The Provisional Patent Application was
converted, as opposed to claiming benefit.)

2. Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLN IS A CONVERSION OF 60/258,177 12/22/2000.

REMARKS


The following is a quotation of 37 CFR 1.53 (c) (3): "A provisional
application filed under paragraph (c) of this section may be converted to a non-provisional
application filed under paragraph (b) of this section and accorded the original filing date of
the original application. The conversion of a provisional application to a non-provisional

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Attached are photocopies of the following supplemental information relating to the original request for conversion of a provisional application to a non-provisional application:

1. REQUEST FOR CONVERSION OF PROVISIONAL TO NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated October 8, 2001
2. FILING RECEIPT dated November 8, 2001 (with requested changes indicated thereon)
3. TRANSMITTAL form submitted with request under 37 CFR 1.53(c) dated October 9, 2001
4. FEE TRANSMITTAL dated October 9, 2001

Respectfully submitted,


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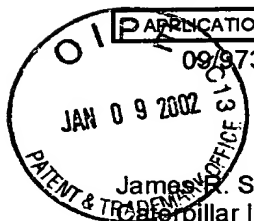
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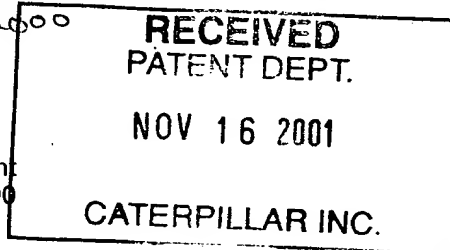
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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY. DOCKET NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/073,266	10/09/2001 12/22/2000	3682	932	00-351	4	26 ✓	4 ✓



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Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/258,177 12/22/2000.

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 11/08/2001

Projected Publication Date: 06/27/2002

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

- ✓ Operator interface system

Preliminary Class

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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First Named Inventor

Howard N. Cannon ET AL.

Group Art Unit

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Examiner Name

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Attorney Docket Number

00-351

ENCLOSURES

(check all that apply)



Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment / Reply



After Final



Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)



Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application



Response to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53



Assignment Papers
(for an Application)



Drawing(s)



Licensing-related Papers



Petition



Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application



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Request for Refund



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After Allowance Communication
to Group



Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and Interferences



Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)



Proprietary Information



Status Letter



Other Enclosure(s) (please
identify below):

Declaration

Declaration
Acknowledgement Postcard
Request/Petition Under CFR
1.53 (c)

Remarks

This is a request to convert provisional
application Serial No. 60/258,177 filed
12/22/2000, to a non-provisional
application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Individual name

James R. Smith, Registration No. 41,318

Signature

James R. Smith

Date

October 9, 2001

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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form

☐ Fee Attached

☐ Amendment / Reply

☐ After Final

☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

☐ Extension of Time Request

☐ Express Abandonment Request

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☐ Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application

☐ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐ Assignment Papers (for an Application)

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☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences

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☐ Proprietary Information

☐ Status Letter

☒ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):

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Remarks

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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November 20, 2001

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REQUEST FOR CONVERSION OF PROVISIONAL
TO NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c)(3))

Sir:

Please convert the above identified provisional application filed to a non-provisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c)(3).

A Declaration executed by the inventor is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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Complete if Known

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☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	740
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 740

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: 26
Independent Claims: 4
Multiple Dependent: _____

Extra Claims Fee from below Fee Paid
20** = 6 X 18 = 108
3** = 1 X 84 = 80

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 188

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 130

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